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SUBJECT: EWG DISCUSSION APRIL 8 OF BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING

REF: A. USNATO 1840

B. AC/281-DS(74)2 (NOTAL)

C. AC/281-DS(74)1 (REVISED) (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. DURING APRIL 8 MEETING, EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) TASKED IS AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES WITH PROVIDING INPUTS FOR STATUS REPORTS ON THREE ADDITIONAL BASIC ISSUES (ELECTRONIC WARFARE, MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, AND MODERN AIR AND SHIP MUNITIONS) FOR SUBMISSION TO JUNE MINISTERIAL. EWG DEFERRED APPROVAL OF DECISION SHEET FROM PREVIOUS MEETING TO ALLOW CONSIDERATION OF GREEK AND TURKISH-REQUESTED AMENDMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN PANSA INTRODUCED APRIL 8 DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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BASIC ISSUES (ELECTRONIC WARFARE, MOBILE AIR DEFENSE, AND MODERN AIR AND SHIP MUNITIONS) BY CITING NEED FOR EWG DECISIONS ON SCOPE OF FUTURE STUDIES AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES. US REP (PRENDERGAST) SAID INSUFFICIENT TIME PRECLUDED DETAILED

STUDIES PRIOR TO JUNE MINISTERIAL BUT THAT COMPLETION OF STATUS REPORTS ON ALLIANCE CAPABILITIES IN THE THREE ISSUE AREAS WAS DESIRABLE. SHAPE REP AGREED TO PROVIDE SUMMARY OF FORCE GOALS RELATED TO ISSUE AREAS AND STATUS OF NATIONAL ATTEMPTS TO MEET THESE GOALS FOR ACE. SACLANT REP AGREED TO DO LIKEWISE FOR SACLANT AREA. ASYG HUMPHREYS, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM PANSAS, SAID IS COULD DRAW ON THESE INPUTS FOR INITIAL STATUS REPORTS, BUT EWG MUST DECIDE WHO WOULD PRODUCE FOLLOW-ON DETAILED STUDIES. ITALIAN REP SAID DPC HAD NOT LEVIED REQUIREMENTS FOR DETAILED REPORTS. US REP RESPONDED THAT SUCH REQUIREMENTS DID EXIST AND CITED PRESENT MNC STUDY EFFORTS ON EW AS EXAMPLE OF ONGOING WORK FROM WHICH IS MIGHT DRAW USEFUL DATA. PANSAS RESPONDED THAT GENERAL STATUS REPORTS ON EACH OF THREE ADDITIONAL ISSUES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

2. EWG DEFERRED APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S DECISION SHEET TO ALLOW FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF JOINT GREEK-TURKISH REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADDED AFTER THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 3(B) (AC/281-DS(74)1(REVISED)): QUOTE: IT IS ALREADY APPARENT THAT A REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN REGION WILL BE APPROPRIATE. END QUOTE. GUIDANCE REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEW ON GREEK-TURKISH REQUEST.

3. NETHERLANDS REP SAID EXPERTS FROM THE HAGUE UNABLE TO ATTEND EWG BRIEFING BY US ON ANTI-ARMOR SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30 (NETHERLANDS NATIONAL HOLIDAY). US REP, AT REQUEST OF PANSAS, AGREED TO SEEK ALTERNATE DATE. IS STAFF SUGGESTS APRIL 29; MISSION CONCURS. GUIDANCE REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEW ON ALTERNATE DATE.

4. COMMENT: IS AND SHAPE REPRESENTATIVES YEILD RELUCTANTLY IN UNDERTAKING WORK REQUIRED ON THE THREE ADDITIONAL BASIC ISSUES, PLEADING THEY ARE ALREADY OVERBURDENED. HAVING SECURED AGREEMENT FROM THEM AT THIS EWG MEETING THAT STATUS REPORTS WILL BE PREPARED ON THE THREE NEW ISSUES FOR PRESENTATION AT JUNE DPC MINISTERIAL, MISSION WILL ALSO SEEK AGREEMENT ON SPECIFICS OF STUDIES WITHIN THE THREE SUBJECT MATTER FIELDS TO BE INITIATED AFTER MINISTERIAL.

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